



MEMORANDUM VILLAGE OF NORTHBROOK

TO: Staff
COPY: Village President & Board of Trustees – Department Heads
FROM: Richard Nahrstadt, Village Manager
DATE: December 8, 2017
SUBJECT: STAFF BRIEFING

WEEK OF December 4, 2017

NORTHBROOK KICKS OFF OFFICIAL YEAR LONG CELEBRATION OF ILLINOIS 200TH BIRTHDAY

On Monday, December 4, over two dozen people gathered at Freedom Park for Northbrook's Flag Raising Ceremony celebrating the Illinois Bicentennial. Speakers at the program included Village President Sandy Frum, Park District Board President Penny Randall, Library Board Treasurer Miriam Imrem and Historical Society President Judy Hughes. Public Works Maintenance Worker Paul Sierzega, with assistance from Village Trustee Jim Karagianis, hoisted the official flag. Municipalities and counties throughout the state held similar events simultaneously to kick off the yearlong celebration. Illinois, known as the Land of Lincoln, became the 21st state in the Union on December 3, 1818. The yearlong celebration between December 3, 2017 and December 3, 2018 will honor our state's 200th birthday.



PLAN COMMISSION

On Tuesday December 5, the Plan Commission held its regular meeting. At the meeting, the Commission adopted resolutions recommending approval for the two following dockets:

- PCD-17-13: 1000 Sunset Ridge Road – North Shore Place Phase 2 Building
- PCD-17-16: 1880 Holste Road – Rezoning to ICS District

Draft approval documents for these will items will be placed on the Tuesday, December 19 Village Board agenda for formal consideration and action.

BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN OPEN HOUSE

On Wednesday, December 6, the Village hosted a Public Meeting for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan at Village Hall. The meeting consisted of an open house with Village staff and representatives from the Village's planning consultants from 5 to 6 p.m. with a formal presentation being held from 6 to 7 p.m. A question and answer session followed the presentation. 35 residents attended the meeting and provided comments for the final report.



As a reminder, the Village is currently conducting a survey to better understand challenges to walking and biking in the Village and will use this feedback to develop recommendations to improve connections. Surveys will be accepted through the end of the year and can be taken online at www.northbrook.bikepedplan.com.

POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

The Village congratulates Sergeants Jeff Petersen and John Ustich on having received the prestigious Public Safety Leadership Award from Northwestern University's Center for Public Safety. The award was presented at a luncheon on Friday, December 8 honoring all Leadership Award recipients. By successfully completing the Center's entire sequence of management programs (Supervision of Police Personnel, School of Police Staff and Command, and Executive Management Program), Petersen and Ustich have demonstrated a commitment to delivering the best, most professional service to the Village of Northbrook. The Northwestern University Center for Public Safety was established in 1936 to expand the scope of university-level education in traffic safety. Since that time, the Center has broadened its offerings to include police operations and management. Law enforcement agencies have also come to depend on the Center for university-level research programs, technical assistance and conferences on crucial and timely issues. The Center has taught nearly a quarter of a million professionals in law enforcement and related fields from all 50 states and 38 foreign countries.

On Monday, December 4, the Village welcomed its newest Police Officer, Kyle J. Pilmer (pictured right). Pilmer is a graduate of Aurora University with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice. He has worked for the past two years as a DuPage County Forest Preserve Police Officer. Pilmer attended the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy at the College of DuPage and began his Northbrook Field Training this week.



OAK AVENUE AND ILLINOIS ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT

This week, the Village's contractor finished installing six of the eight sections of sanitary sewer structural lining on Oak Avenue and Illinois Road. The remaining two sections did not install properly, so the contractor has re-ordered the sleeves and will finish installation in

late December or January. Notices to affected residents will be delivered a week before the work is to begin and again the day before homes are impacted.

EMPLOYEES RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR SERVICE

On Sunday, December 3, the Sons of the American Legion and the American Legion Post 791 recognized Employees of the Year for the Northbrook Fire Department, Police Department and Public Works at the Mission Hills community center.

The Firefighter of the Year was Lieutenant Pete Mensching. Mensching is a 15-year employee who was nominated and selected by his peers and supervisors to receive this honor. Mensching has worked diligently throughout the year on many different projects. Specifically, while completing his regular duties, Mensching also serves as the Fire Department's Assistant Training Officer and schedules the training calendar for all fire companies. This year, he also planned and coordinated live fire training with partnering agencies to bolster the Department's training.

The Police Officer of the Year was Patrol Tactical Officer Timothy Thoma. Officer Thoma is in his fifth year with the Northbrook Police Department and is an eleven-year law enforcement veteran. Officer Thoma was chosen for his dedication and consistent work ethic throughout the year. In addition to his regular assignments on the Patrol Tactical Team, he also serves as a CPR & AED Instructor for the Department, a Juvenile Officer (which requires a certification in Juvenile Law), a member of the multi-jurisdictional Northern Illinois Police Alarm System as a bicycle officer and a Field Training Officer (which serves a critical role in training a new officer). As a Patrol Tactical Team member, Officer Thoma works side by side with the patrol officers and works with the Investigations Unit while assigned to mission-based, complex and/or sensitive cases.

The Public Works Employee of the Year was Maintenance Worker Susan Scott. With more than 40 years of service to the Village, Scott worked mostly on the Water Crew repairing water mains, meters, valves and fire hydrants. She was one of the primary contacts for diagnosing high water bills and repairing water meters and consistently recognized for her outstanding knowledge and customer service. Further, she was repeatedly recognized throughout her career as one of the best snow plow drivers in the Public Works Department and helped train many of her co-workers. Scott officially retired on Monday, December 4 and the Village wishes her well in her retirement.

The Village congratulates all three recipients on the recognitions and thanks the Sons of the American Legion and the American Legion Post 791 for recognizing their great work.

WEEK OF December 11, 2017

MON.	12/11	2:00 p.m.	Northbrook Arts Commission Exhibit Subcommittee – Library
TUES.	12/12		Hanukkah begins at sundown - through 12-20
		8:30am -6:30pm	Village Hall Front Desk Cashier open on Tuesday
		7:30 p.m.	Regular Board of Trustee Meeting – Canceled
WED.	12/13		No Meetings
THURS.	12/14		No Meetings
		5:30 p.m.	Architectural Control Commission – Canceled
		7:00 p.m.	Community Relations Commission Special Meeting – Library
		7:00 p.m.	Environmental Quality Commission Special Meeting – Shermer Study
FRI.	12/15		No Meetings